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Subject: Generating keyword parameters from strings  
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Hi,

Does anyone know of a method of taking a string and turning it into a keyword parameter? As an example, say I want to write a function:

```
function GetProperty, object, propertyName  
  object->GetProperty, 'propertyName'=value ; This is pseudocode --  
  this line is what I need  
  return, value  
end
```

Obviously I can write this using execute, but I'd prefer to avoid that if at all possible.

Also, although I use the GetProperty method as an example, this is a more generic question about generating keyword parameter calls (so, for example, David's nice discussion of a general GetProperty method <http://www.dfanning.com/tips/getproperty.html> doesn't help here).

If I were just setting a value this would be easy to do with \_EXTRA by making my own structure. But for getting values it doesn't seem like there is an easy equivalent (it would be nice to just make a \_REF\_EXTRA structure if it behaved equivalent to \_EXTRA but it seems it doesn't).

Thanks,  
Eric

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